



# ED & THE MONSTERERS

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AFTER RESCUING PHENIX, THE SOLAR FOXES AND KATHERINE FIND THEMSELVES SURROUNDED ...



... BY THE UNDERGROUND SLAVE CAMP'S ROBOTIC GUARDS.

SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE GROUP, PHENIX IS FORCED ...



... TO TELEPORT SCARLET, ERICA AND KATHERINE TO SAFETY.

LEAVING RED, ARTICA, AND SLY TO BE CAPTURED BY THEIR ALIEN FOES.



SCARLET AND KATHERINE GET INTO AN ALTERCATION AT THE HOME OF ONE OF PHENIX'S ALLIES.



... PHENIX INTERVENES, AND THEY AGREE TO A TRUCE.



AT THE CAMP, PANDORA AND CEE CEE HELP RED ESCAPE ...



ONLY TO BE CAPTURED AGAIN!

# COUNT-DOWN TO EXTINCTION

## PART 4

CREATED/STORY/PENCILS

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ONCE AGAIN UNITED,  
— AND AFTER A QUICK  
UNIFORM CHANGE — THEY  
SEARCH FOR A WAY  
TO SET THE  
ENTIRE CAMP FREE.

ARE YOU  
SURE YOU KNOW WHERE  
WE'RE GOING?

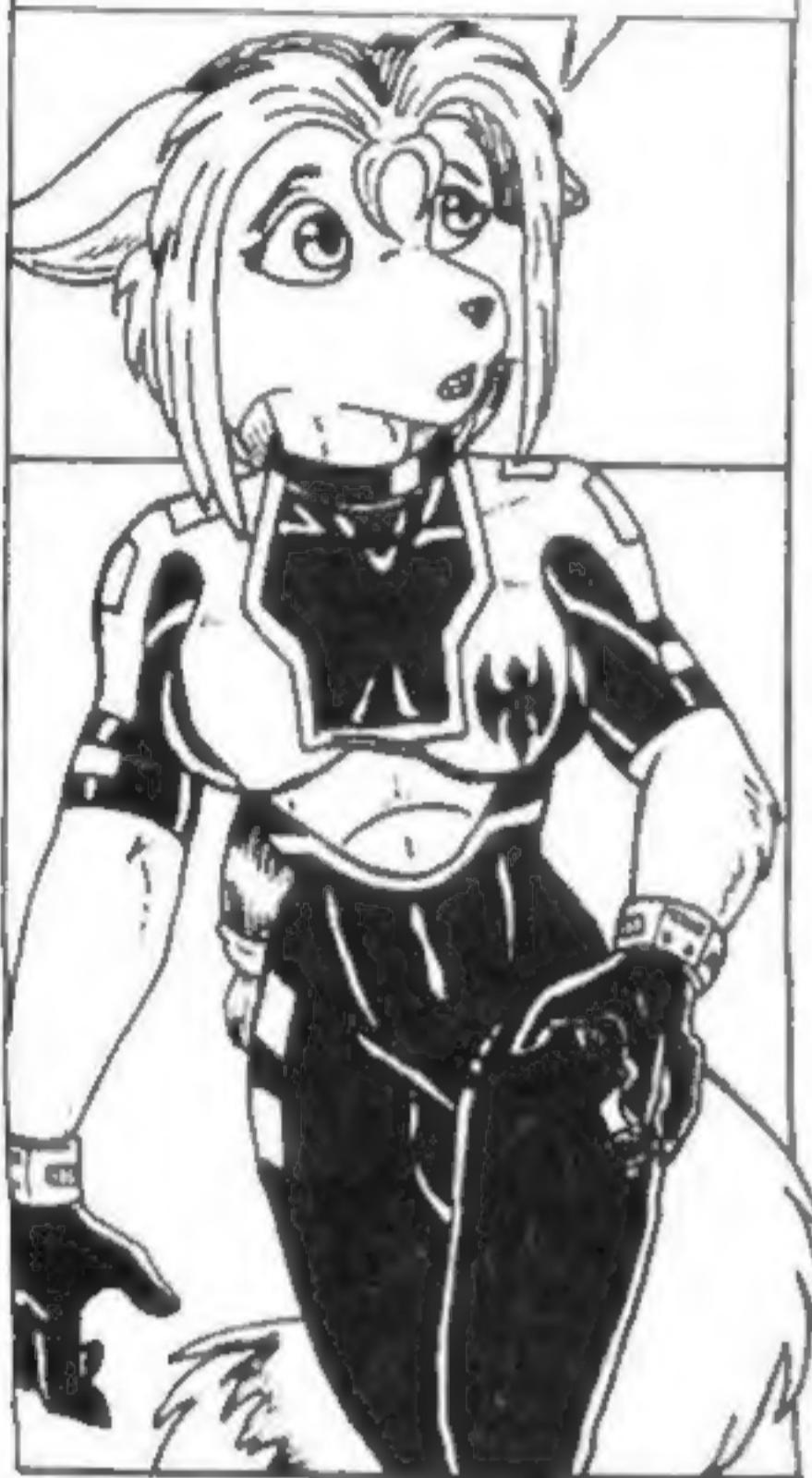
I HAVE  
CONFIDENCE IN CEE CEE'S  
JUDGEMENT.

YES.  
I READ WHAT LITTLE MIND  
THAT CYBORG HAD, AND IT SAID THAT THE WAY  
TO THE MAIN COMMAND CENTER IS THIS WAY.

(I THINK.)



SHE THINKS! GREAT, A  
WINDSWIPE WHO HAS TO GUESS.  
I DON'T LIKE THIS. WE SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN SPOTTED BY NOW.



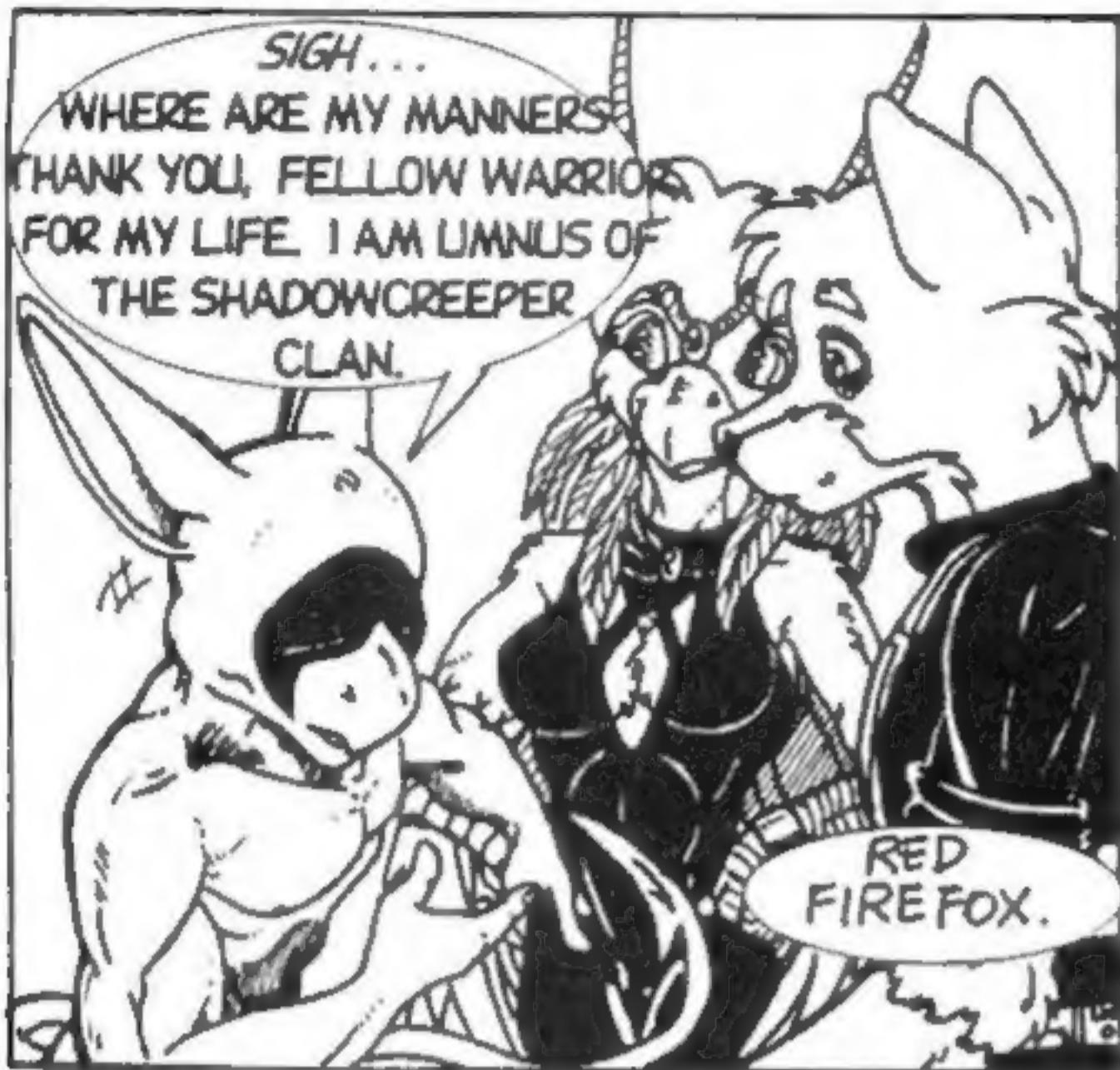
WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO THAT POOR CREATURE?



I'M NOT GOING  
TO STAND HERE AND  
WATCH THIS.







NOW, COME ON!  
WE HAVE A WORLD TO SAVE AND CRITTERS  
TO SET FREE. TIME IS RUNNING  
OUT!



OOF!

PLEASE,  
LET THIS  
BE A  
WALL!

OOH HI. IT'S YOU.

I WOULDN'T SUPPOSE YOU'D FORGET YOU  
SAW US AND LET US GO ON OUR WAY,  
WOULD YOU?

NO.

NUTS!



AND YER NOT GOING  
THIS WAY EITHER, CHUMPS!



SLY !  
ARTICA !  
WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
GUYS  
DOING ?



CATRINA !  
YOU'RE  
ALIVE!  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON ?



WALICE ?

CEE CEE ?!  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE ?







HUNTERS, TAKE THEM!



QUICK, EVERYONE SCATTER! DON'T LET 'EM BOX US IN!



WHY DON'T YOU---  
CHILL OUT, SCARLET!



I'VE BEEN  
WAITING FOR A LONG TIME  
TO DO THIS, SCARLET! I  
NEVER DID LIKE  
YOU.



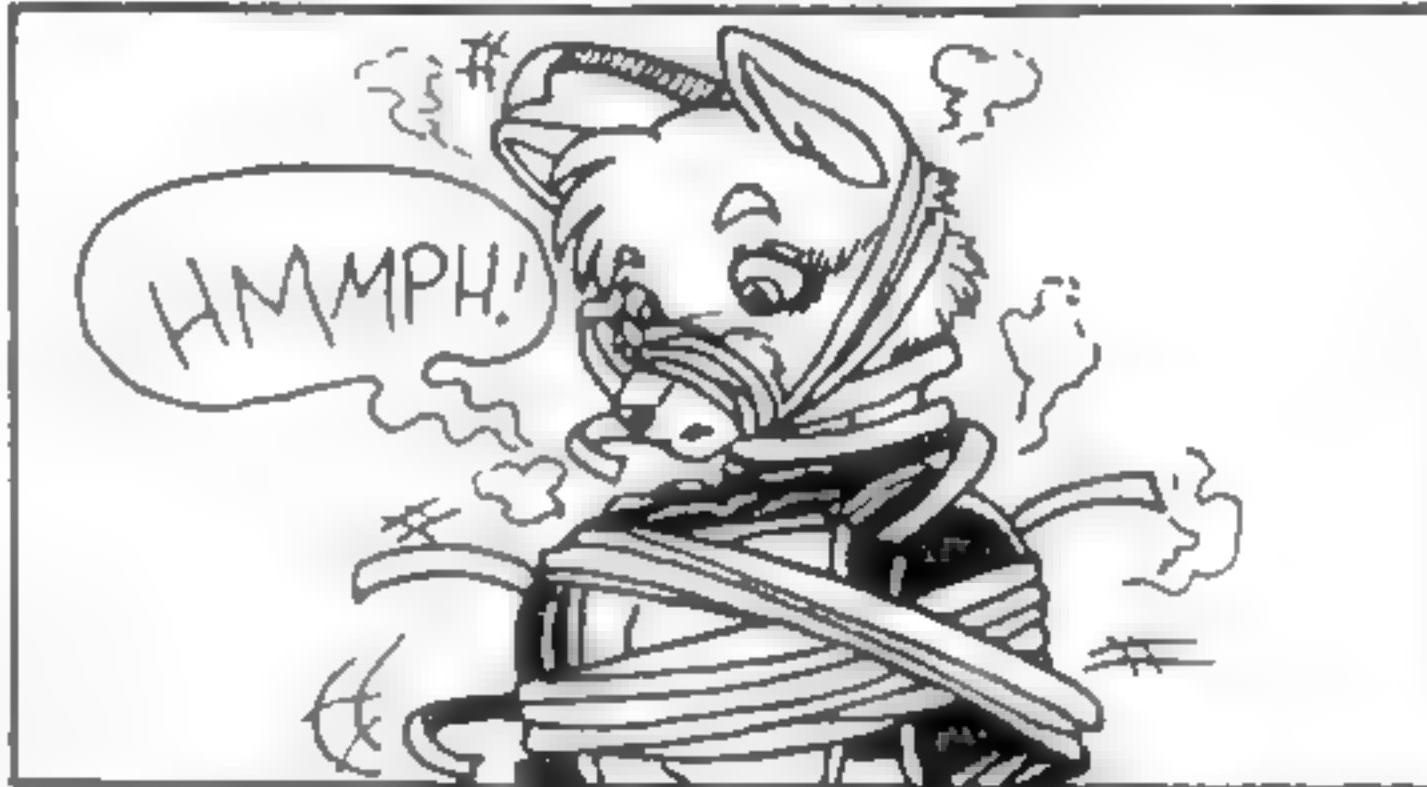
WITH YOU OUT  
OF THE WAY... RED WILL FINALLY  
BE MINE!



GIVE IT UP, COUSIN! YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR US.



SLY, YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS BEFORE  
SOMEONE GETS HURT!

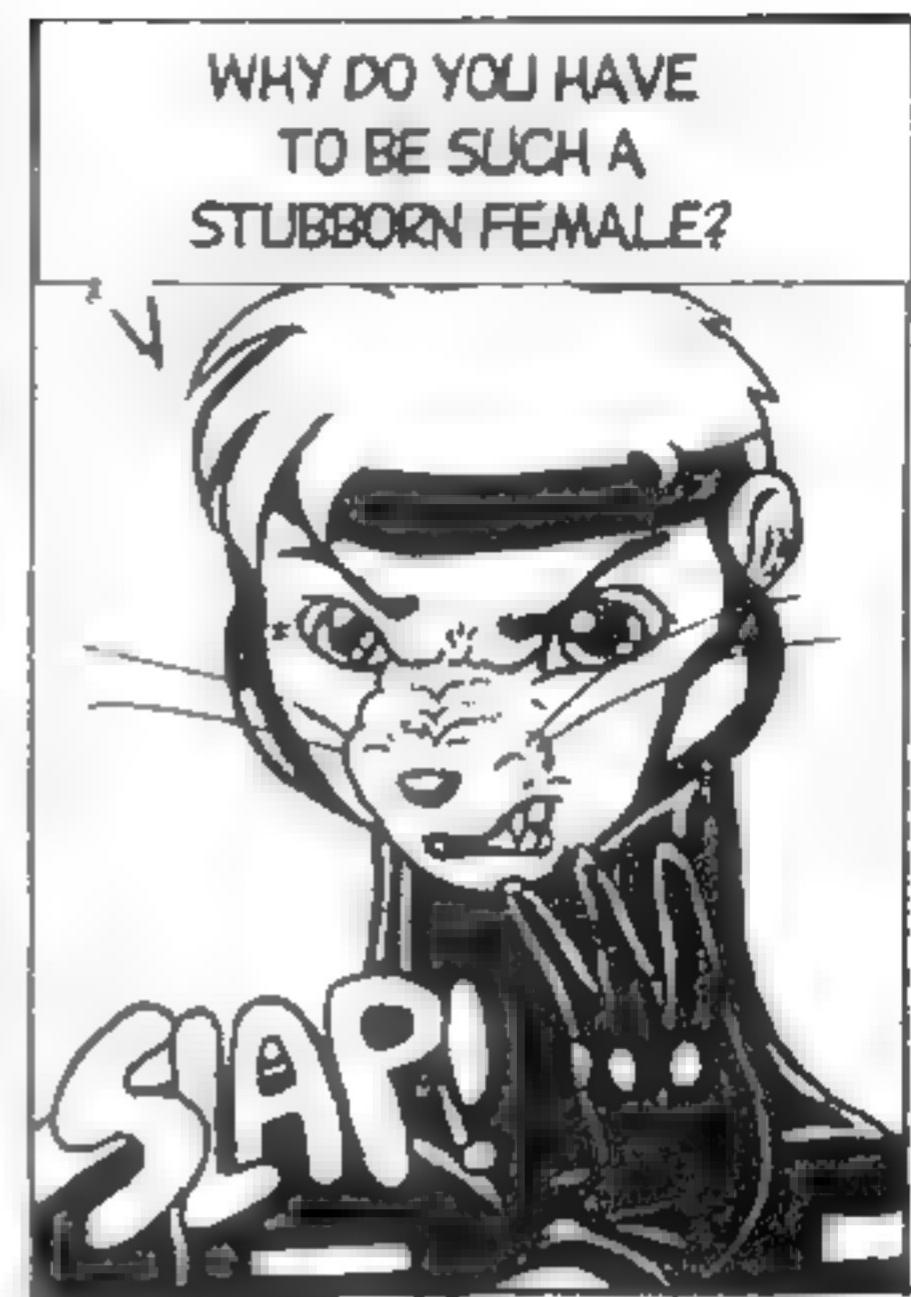




WALICE, WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY ARE YOU WITH THEM?

BLAST IT, CEE CEE! I TOLD YOU

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SUCH A STUBBORN FEMALE?



WAY TO GO, KID. BUT LET ME SHOW YOU HOW A REAL MALE HANDLES HIS FEMALE.



CEE CEE ... LOOK OUT!

DO - NOTHING TRAITOR! HE CAN SHARE THEIR FATE.



OUR MISSION IS COMPLETE, MASTER.



THE TARGETS PUT UP LITTLE RESISTANCE. WE NOW AWAIT  
FURTHER ORDERS.

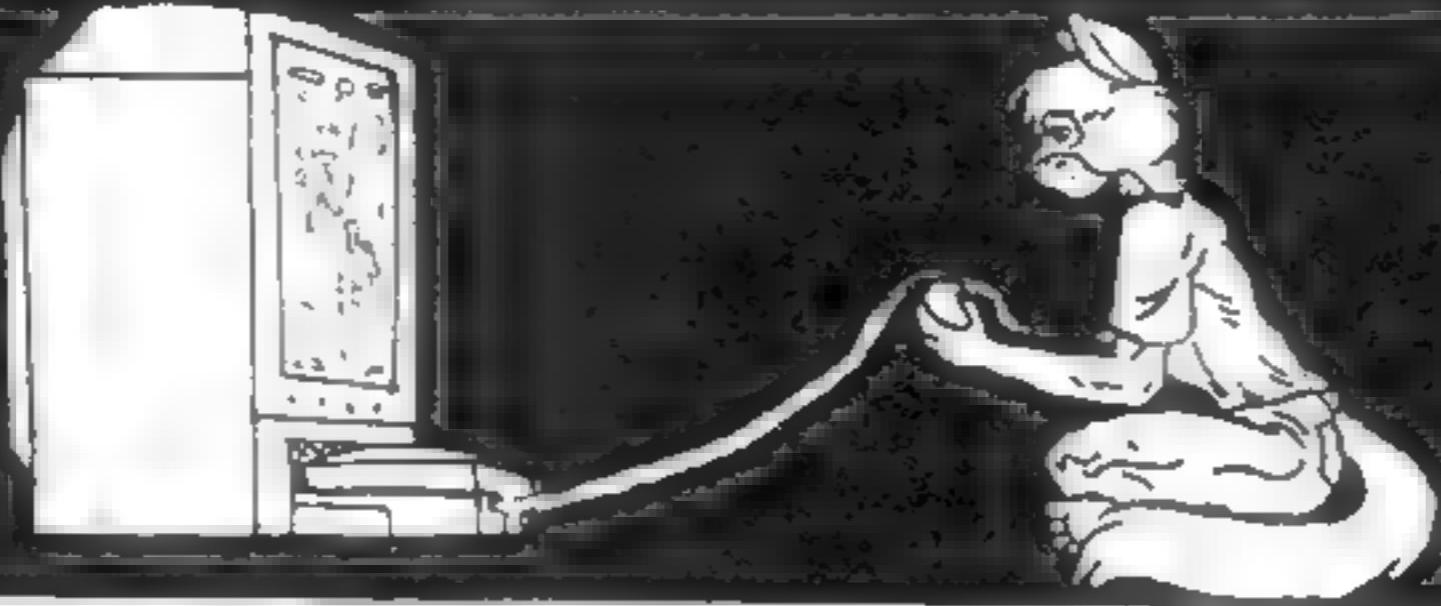
EXCELLENT, WARFARE. YOUR PROGRAMMING RAN WITH FLAWLESS EXECUTION.



YES.. MASTER.



TAKE THEM TO A HOLDING CELL AND HAVE THE  
MINDSWIPE ROOM PREPARED. I WILL NOT HAVE THIS...  
FREE THINKING INTERFERING WITH MY PLANS.



TRAVIS?



HEY, TRAVIS....  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING?



CAN YOU  
HEAR ME?  
GASP!



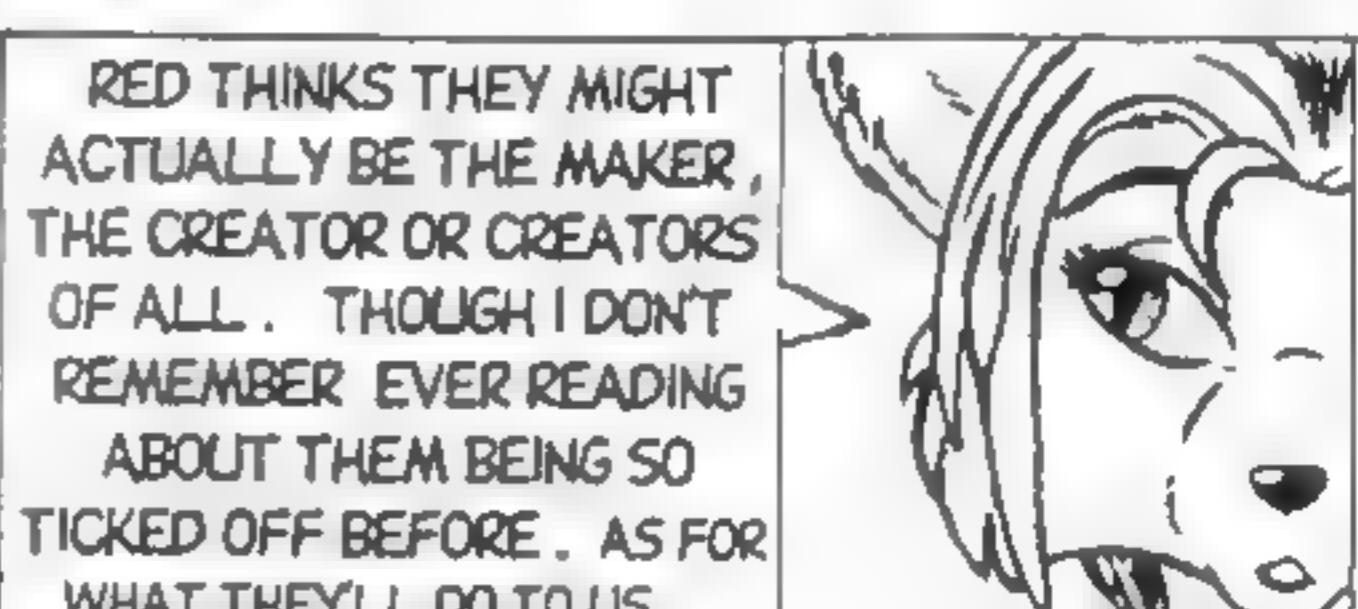
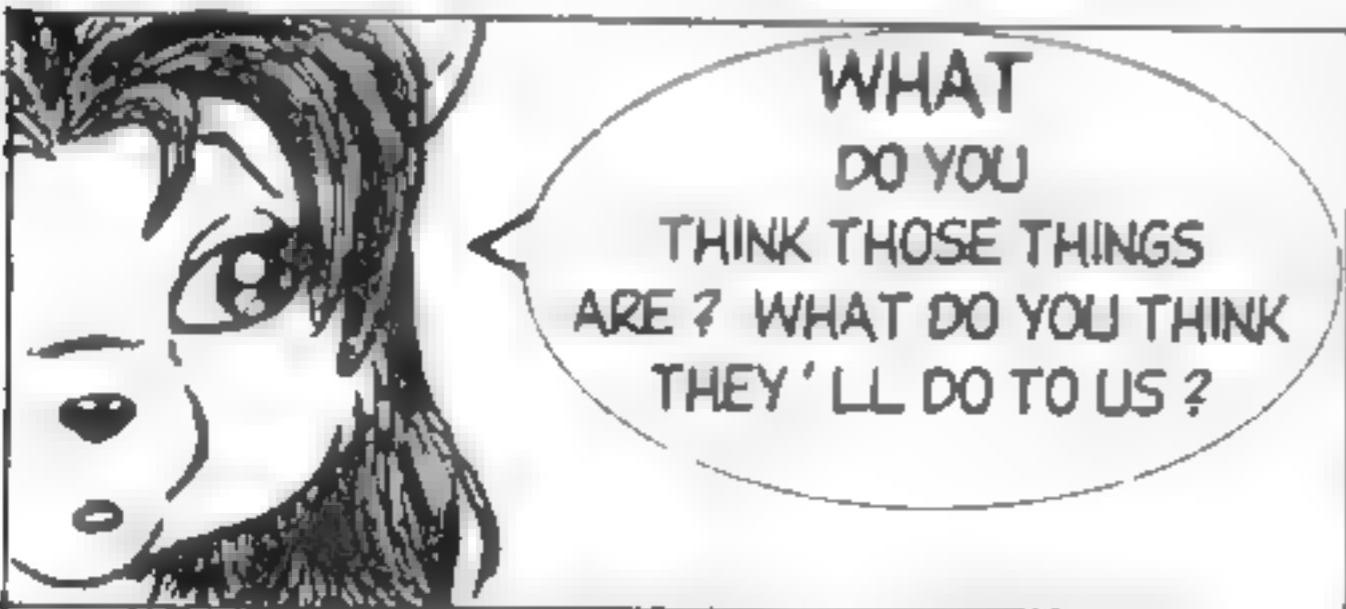
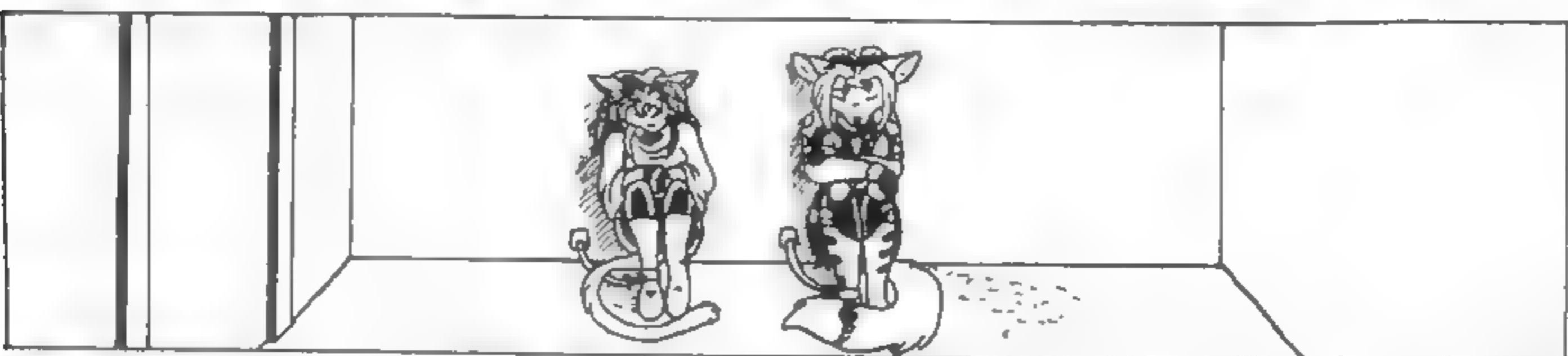
IT'S YOUR FAULT WE'RE  
ALL DEAD, KAT!



IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU!  
BECAUSE YOU WERE A COWARD,  
WE'RE DEAD. YOU RAN, AND  
WE PAID THE PRICE.  
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU!  
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
YOU!



NOO!  
IT SHOULD  
HAVE  
BEEN  
ME!



(I DID.)



EEWW. GROSS!



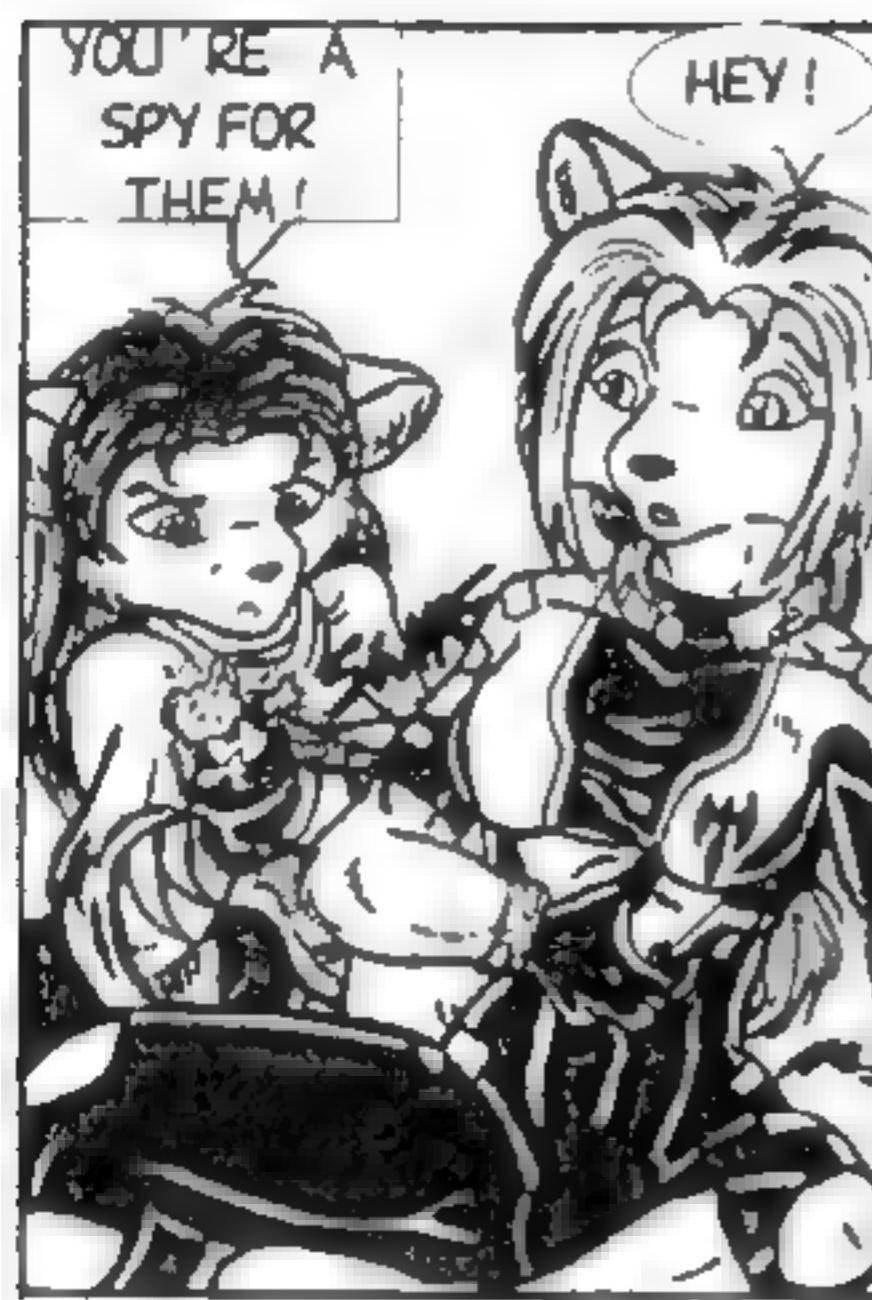
I'M SORRY. I'M JUST NOT USED TO BEING AROUND PREDATORS ON THIS WORLD. IT CAN BE DEADLY WHERE I'M FROM.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHERE YOU'RE FROM? HOW DID YOU KNOW WE WERE IN HERE? COME...

...TO THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'RE THE SMALLEST RODENTIAN I'VE EVER SEEN.

I'M NOT A NATIVE OF THIS WORLD. I'M A GENETIC MUTATE, DESIGNED AS AN ESPIONAGE COMPUTER TECH. I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU SINCE YOU AND THE OTHER FOXES FREED THE PHOENIX.







EXCELLENT JOB,  
WARFARE. JUST WHAT I LIKE  
IN MY ANIMALS... TOTAL  
OBEDIENCE

WHAT  
WONDERFUL  
DEVELOPMENTS  
YOU HAVE ALL  
BECOME. WE WOULD  
NEVER HAVE FORESEEN  
SUCH UNUSUAL  
BIOLOGICAL -  
ABNORMALITIES AS  
YOU HYBRID D'S. ALL OF  
YOUR POWERS MUST BE  
STUDIED AND  
ANALYSED.

BUT YOU, MY DEAR, ARE NOT ONE OF OUR CREATIONS. YOU WILL DEFINITELY NEED TO BE STUDIED.



HMPH.. IF NEED BE, MY CANARY.

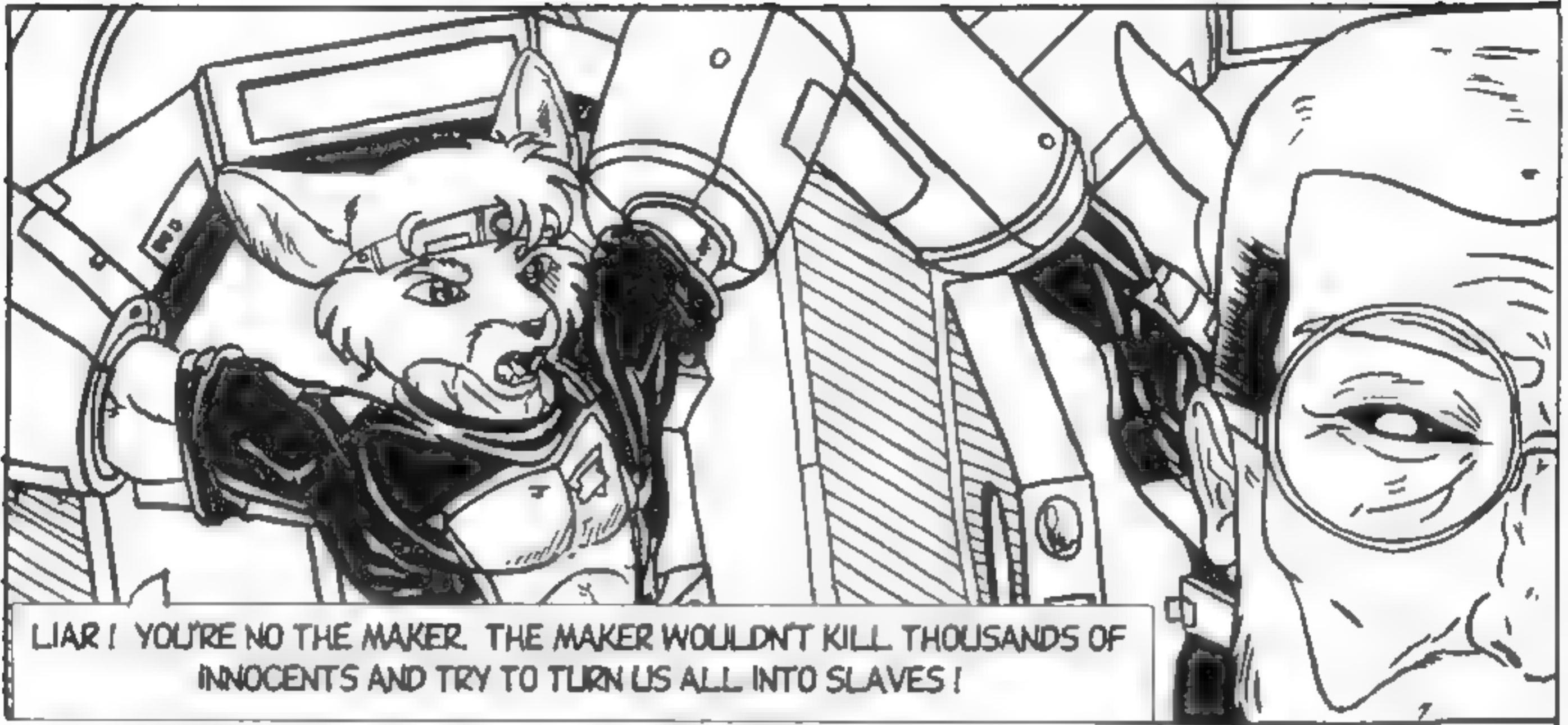


NO, MASTER!  
PLEASE,  
THE PAIN!



MONSTER, MY DEAR PANDA ?  
I'M NO MONSTER...





WHY, MY YOUNG FOX.. I HAVE. I DID. AND WHO'S TO SAY YOU WEREN'T ALREADY MY SLAVES?



... HOW IS IT THAT YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND ME ?



YOU NEVER QUESTIONED IT ? I DIDN'T THINK SO. YOU WEREN'T DESIGNED TO QUESTION WHY OR HOW. HERE'S A HISTORY LESSON.

APPROXIMATELY 72 YEARS AGO , OUR SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED A "WORMHOLE" SOME DISTANCE FROM THE PLANET WE CALL MARS.

WE SENT A PROBE TO INVESTIGATE . WE DISCOVERED A PLANET IN THE PLACE EARTH, MY HOME, SHOULD HAVE BEEN, BUT SLIGHTLY OFF - ORBIT

IT WAS A TIMELY DISCOVERY. FOR EARTH HAD BEEN DEPLETED OF IT'S NATURAL RESOURCES . . .

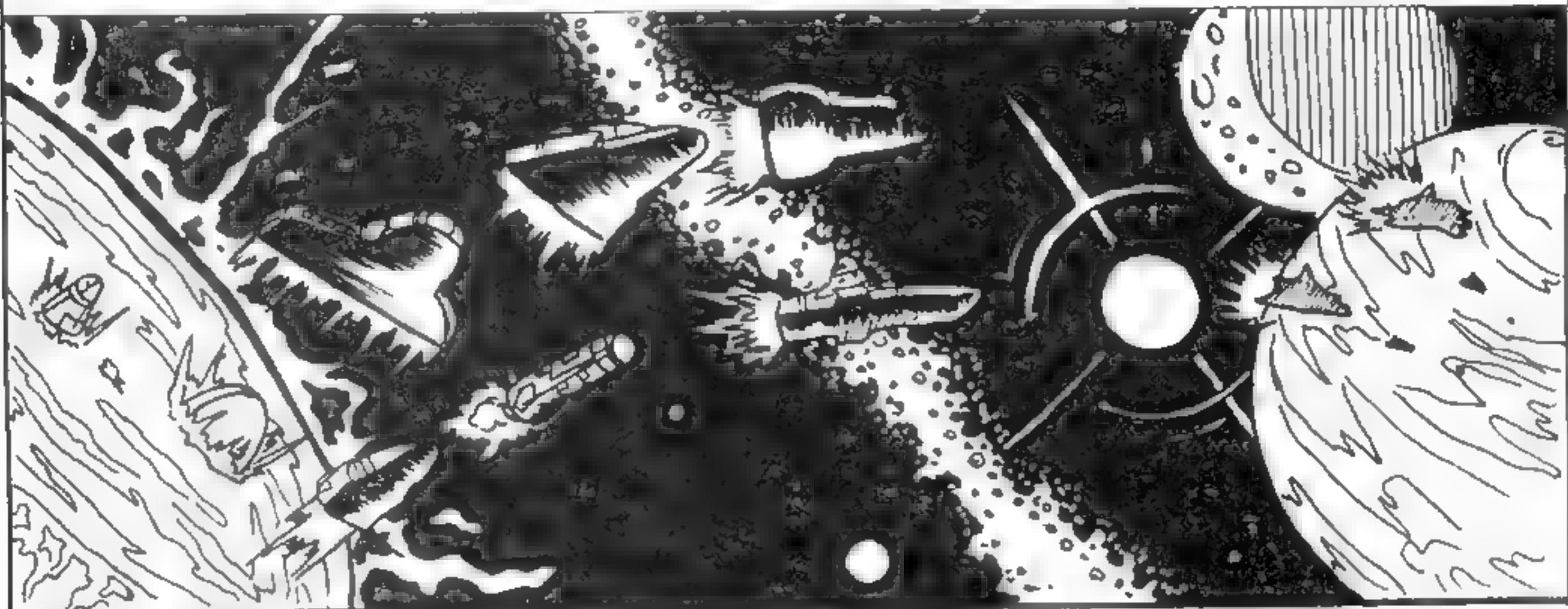
CLEAN AIR ; WAS OVERPOPULATED AND WAR - RAVAGED.

THAT'S WHERE YOUR KIND CAME IN. DUE TO HUMAN OVERPOPULATION, ANIMALS LOST LIVING SPACE . SPECIES WERE BECOMING EXTINCT. IN ORDER TO SAVE THE SPECIES

...WE MUTATED THEM, MADE THEM MORE ADAPTABLE AND USEFUL .

WE WANTED THE NEW PLANET TO BE COLONIZED . HOWEVER, WE FELT IT WAS TOO RISKY TO SEND HUMANS TO LIVE THERE FIRST . THUS, WE CREATED HUMANIMALS , AND PROGRAMMED THEM TO ESTABLISH SOCIETIES FOR OUR ARRIVAL .

WE ENCODED SPECIFIC PROGRAMS : BUILD CITIES , SET UP GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES SO OUR TRANSITION TO THE PLANET WOULD RUN SMOOTHLY . THEN WE SHIPPED OUR LIVESTOCK .



... BUT WE MISCALCULATED THE WORMHOLE'S PROPERTIES.



APPARENTLY, THERE IS A TIME DIFFERENTIAL OF FOURTEEN YEARS HERE TO ONE YEAR THERE .



THIS TIME - LAPSE OBVIOUSLY ALLOWED YOU TO EVOLVE INTO WHAT YOU ARE NOW . ALTHOUGH , THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR HYBRID - DNA IS QUITE UNEXPECTED

FORTUNATE THAT WE DIDN'T INTRODUCE ANY PRIMATE SPECIES INTO THIS ENVIRONMENT, EH, WARFARE? OTHERWISE WE MIGHT HAVE A CHALLENGE FOR THE PLANET.



WHAT OF MY WORLD?  
WHY DESTROY MY WORLD  
AND HER CREATURES?  
WE HAD NOTHING  
TO DO WITH YOUR PLANS.

AH, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG. YOUR SPECIES WAS THE FIRST CREATED IN GENETIC AND TERRA-FORMING EXPERIMENTS. OUR LAB TECHS GOT.. CREATIVE IN YOUR DESIGN. ONCE IT WAS DETERMINED



... THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO CREATE INTELLIGENT LIFEFORMS WHICH COULD COLONIZE A PLANET, YOUR SPECIES WAS DEEMED — EXPENDABLE.

YOU  
ARE  
ONLY  
ALIVE AS A  
REMINDER  
OF OUR  
CHILDISH  
ATTEMPTS  
TO CREATE  
CREATURES  
OF  
FANTASY.

USELESS.



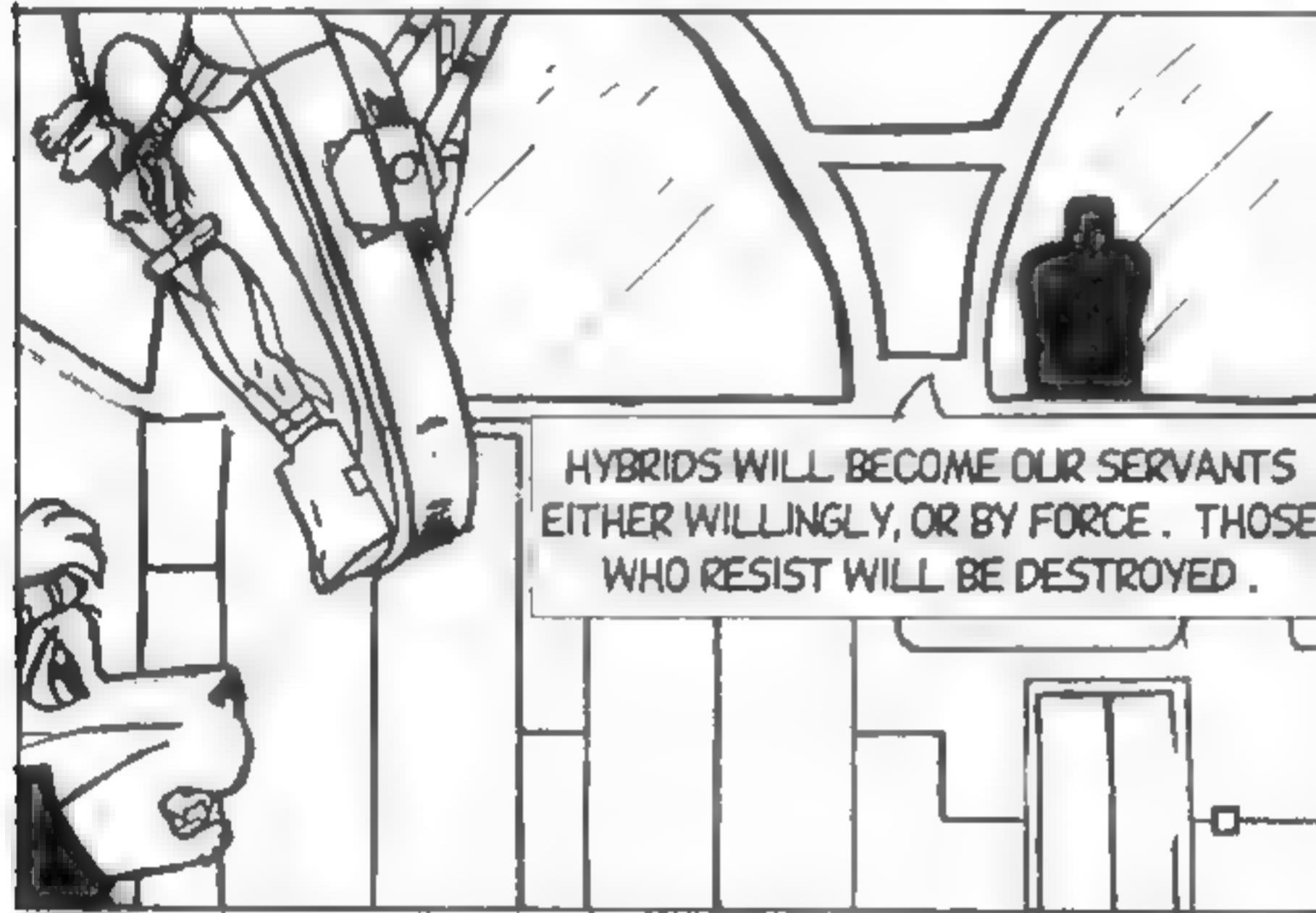
SO...  
NOW  
WHAT  
WILL YOU  
DO  
WITH  
US?



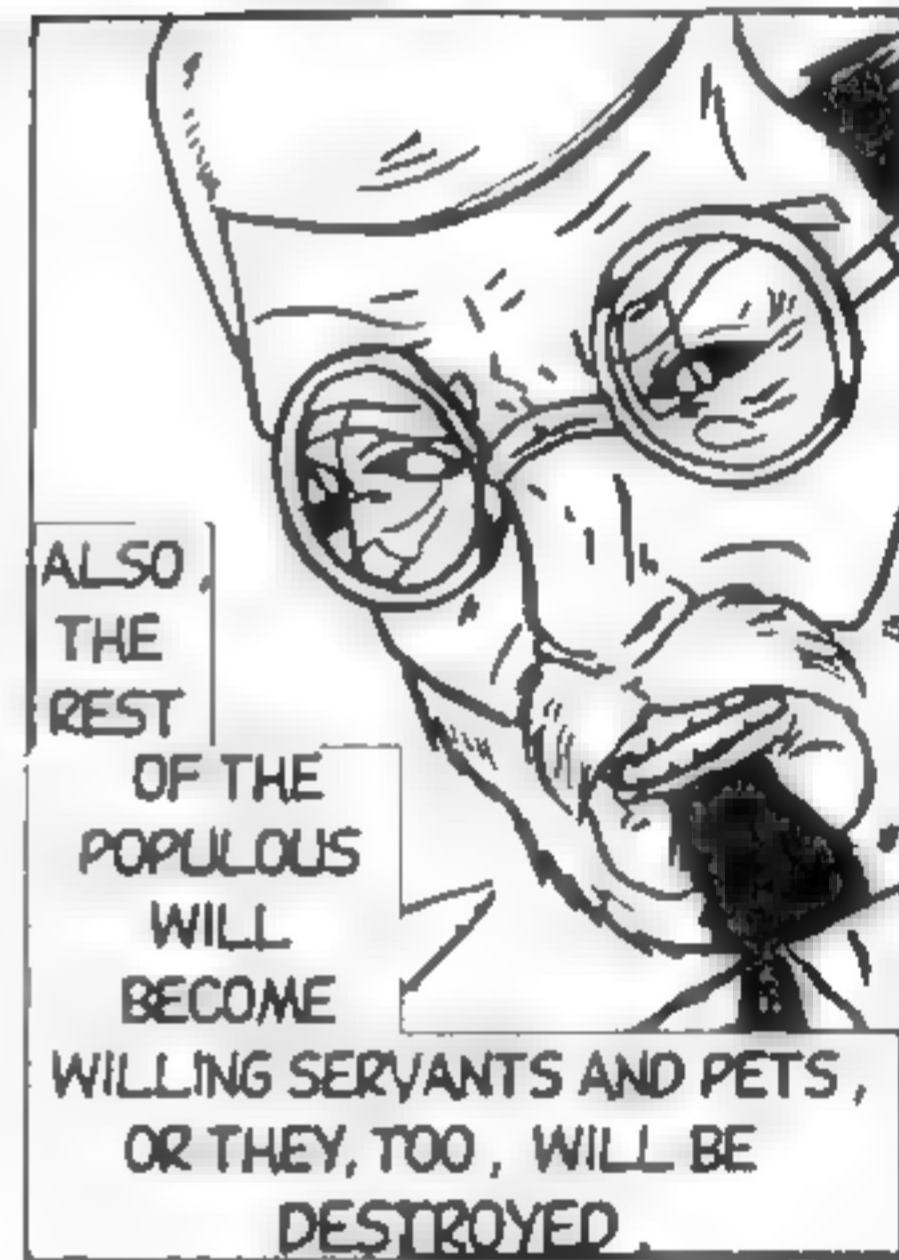
YOU  
WILL BE  
STUDIED,  
TO GAIN  
UNDER-  
STANDING  
OF YOUR  
POWERS,  
THEN  
DESTROYED.  
YOU ARE  
TOO  
DANGEROUS  
AND  
REBELLIOUS  
TO KEEP  
ALIVE.



THE RE-  
CLAIMING  
OF THE  
PLANET  
BEGINS  
IN  
TWENTY  
MINUTES.



HYBRIDS WILL BECOME OUR SERVANTS  
EITHER WILLINGLY, OR BY FORCE. THOSE  
WHO RESIST WILL BE DESTROYED.



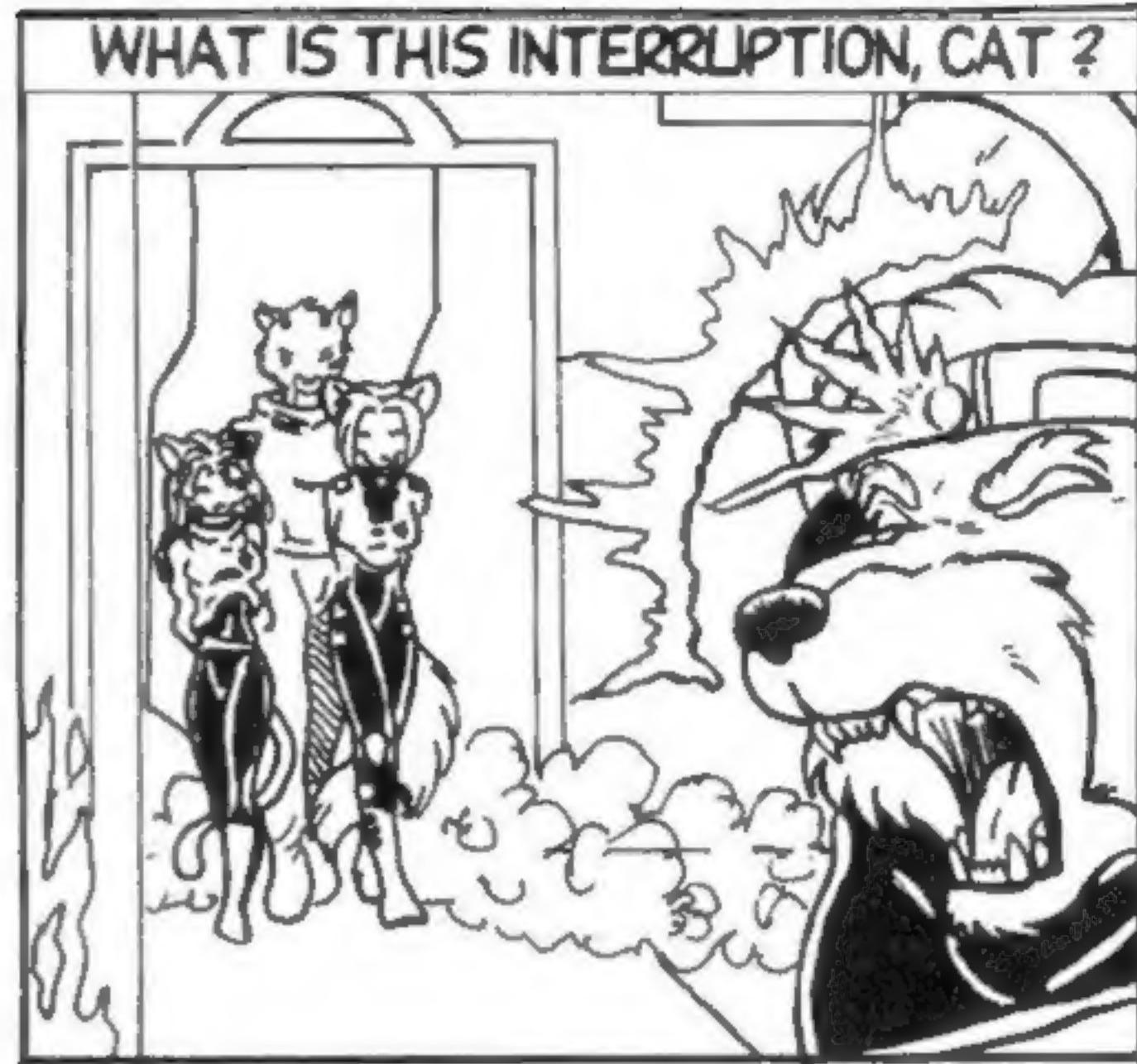
ALSO,  
THE  
REST  
OF THE  
POPULOUS  
WILL  
BECOME  
WILLING SERVANTS AND PETS,  
OR THEY, TOO, WILL BE  
DESTROYED.



YES, MASTER.

...AND PREPARE  
THE HUNTERS.





FREE!

MAHN,  
I'LL  
MAKE  
YOU  
PAY  
FOR  
WHAT  
YOU  
DID  
TO  
ME!

QUICK! FREE THEM WHILE WE HAVE THE CHANCE!

NO PROBLEM  
ON MY END!

WHY THOSE LITTLE PUNKS. BOSS, YOU THINK I...

NO, BA 'JER.  
HAVE THE OTHERS  
ON  
STANDBY.

WARFARE, ELIMINATE THESE PESTS FOR ME.

NO.

NO!

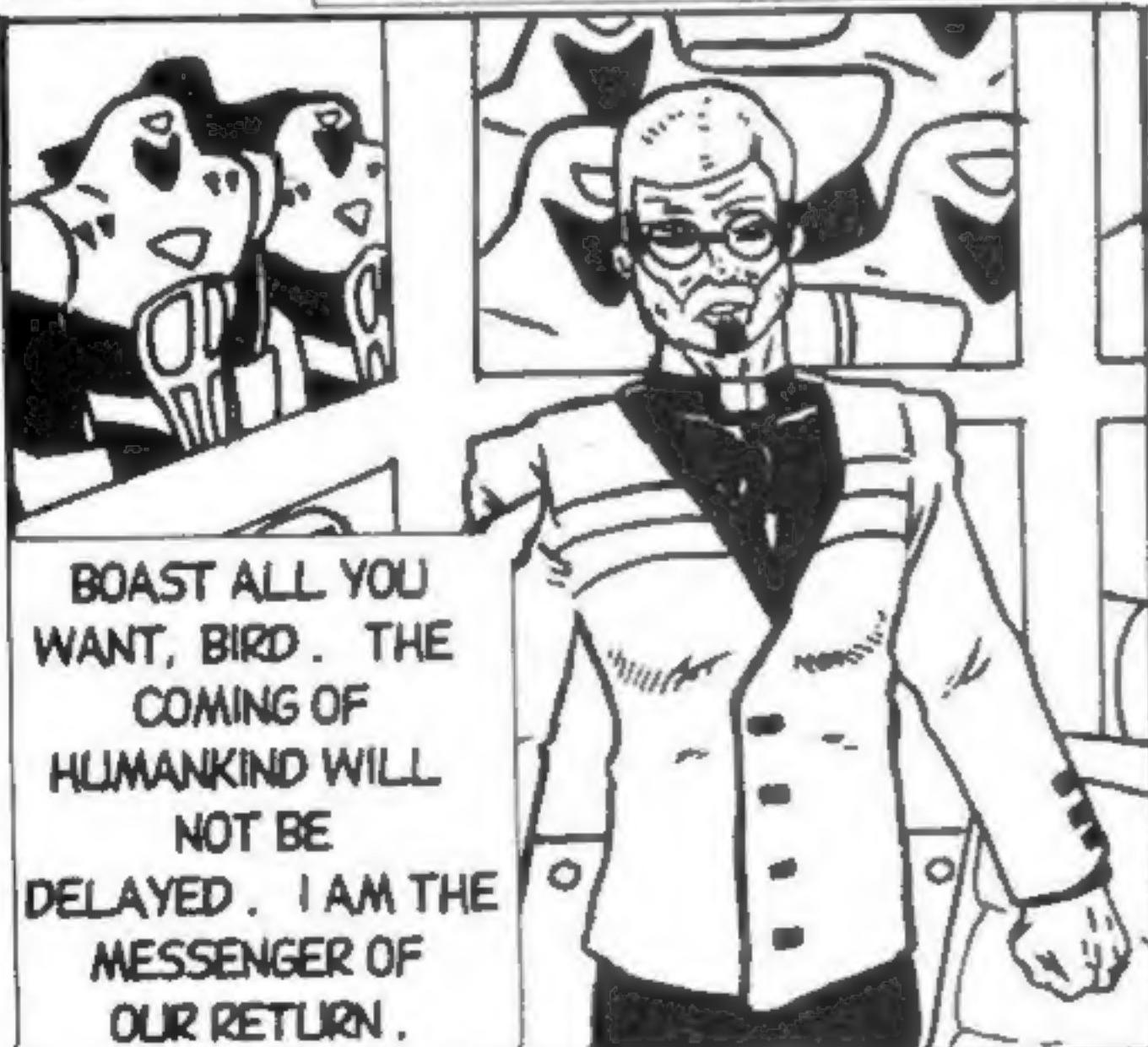
WHAT ?! I GAVE  
YOU AN ORDER, YOU  
STUPID BEAST ...



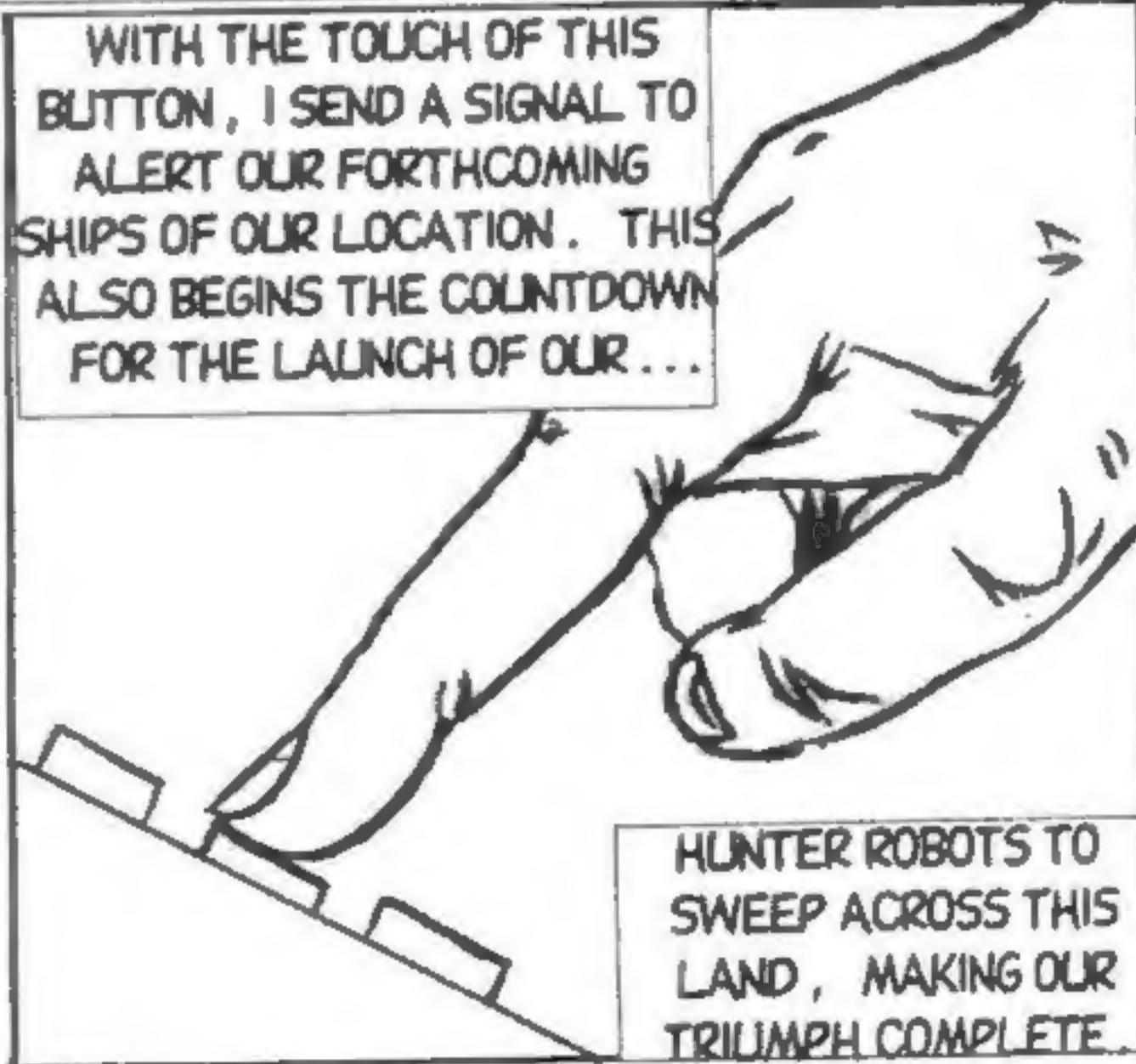
NO! I AM NOT STUPID, AND  
I WILL NOT OBEY YOU ANYMORE.  
I WILL NOT TAKE ANOTHER  
INNOCENT LIFE.  
NEVER AGAIN!



HMMPH. I FELT MY CONTROL OVER  
YOU WAS LOOSENING. VERY WELL.  
IF YOU WILL NOT OBEY ME ...  
YOU CAN DIE WITH THE OTHERS.



WITH THE TOUCH OF THIS  
BUTTON, I SEND A SIGNAL TO  
ALERT OUR FORTHCOMING  
SHIPS OF OUR LOCATION. THIS  
ALSO BEGINS THE COUNTDOWN  
FOR THE LAUNCH OF OUR ...



YES, PHOENIX. WITNESS THE COMING OF  
THIS WORLD'S MAKERS, AND THE EXTINCTION >

OF LIFE AS  
YOU KNOW IT.

